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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON **EUGENE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

No. CR 05-60008 HO

Plaintiff.

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**DEFENDANT'S PROPOSED JURY** QUESTIONNAIRE

PIROUZ SEDAGHATY,

Defendant.

Defendant, Pirouz Sedaghaty, by and through his attorneys, Federal Public Defender Steven T. Wax and Lawrence Matasar, respectfully moves the Court to adopt the attached juror questionnaire. Given that the jury trial date in this matter has been scheduled for June 7, 2010, and considering the high profile nature of this prosecution with its attendant media exposure, which may affect substantive and material issues involving jury selection, Mr. Sedaghaty reserves the right to amend the questionnaire. Mr. Sedaghaty also reserves the right to move the Court to voir dire on sensitive issues identified from the questionnaire.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

/s/ Steven T. Wax

Steven T. Wax

Federal Public Defender

/s/ Lawrence Matasar

Lawrence Matasar

Attorneys for Defendant

Name:	
Juror #:	

#### JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

The guestions on this form are asked to help the Court and the attorneys learn about your views on issues that may be related to the case of United States v. Pirouz Sedaghaty. It is the first part of the process of jury selection, known as voir dire, which means to speak the truth. Its use will expedite the process of selecting a jury. The questions are not meant to invade your privacy. Your names and identifying information will not be made a matter of public record. Please answer the questions as honestly and completely as possible. There are no right or wrong answers; there are only truthful answers. It is important that you are completely candid as to your actual views and feelings. It is also important that your answers to the questionnaire be yours and yours alone. Do not discuss the questionnaire or your answers with anyone, including your family, court personnel, or, other prospective jurors. If you do not understand a question, say so on the questionnaire. If a question touches on an especially personal or sensitive matter, please answer "private" and you will be given the opportunity to discuss the matter in private at a later time. Write only on the front side of each page. There are extra pages at the back if you need more space to answer a question. Write "see back page" on your answer and on the back page or pages, be sure to include the question number to which you are responding.

## Please PRINT your answers in INK.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1.	Gender: Female Male Age:
2.	What is your place of birth?
3.	In what area/neighborhood do you live?
4.	What other places have you lived (city, state, country, if outside the United States)?
5.	Marital status:Single Married for years Divorced Separated Widowed Living with someone
6.	How far did you go in school?
	Major area(s) of study:
	Degrees or certificates:

7.	Are ye	ou: () Employed full-time () Retired () Employed part-time () Student () Homemaker () Disabled & unable to work () Unemployed/laid off			
	a.	Current occupation and employer:			
	b.	How long have you worked in your current job?			
	C.	If retired or unemployed, what was your primary vocation?			
	d.	If homemaker or student, please tell us what jobs outside the home (if any) you have had in the past year:			
8.	What	What is (was) your job title?			
	a.	What are (were) your duties on that job?			
	b.	Do (did) you supervise others in that job?			
		Yes No If Yes, how many?			
9.	Do yo	ou have a second job?			
	`	Yes No			
	If Yes	, what do you do?			
10.	What	other jobs have you held as an adult?			
11.	Occu	pation of spouse/significant other:			
12.	a.	What religion, if any, were you raised in?			
	b.	What religion, if any, do you currently follow?			
	C.	What religion, if any, are your children being raised with?			

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a.	Do you, or your church, practice tithing as part of your religious or spiritual beliefs?Yes No
b.	If yes, do you regularly tithe? Yes No
synag or pa	civic, social, union, professional, fraternal, political, recreational, churches, gogues, temples, mosques, or other religious organizations do you belong to articipate in, and what offices, if any, have you held in any of these nizations?
a.	Have you ever donated money/goods to any charitable causes or organizations?
	Yes No I am not sure
	If "NO," SKIP to Question No. 16.
b.	Have you ever contributed to a charity because you believe in its principles, even though others have criticized its activities? Yes No If Yes, please describe the charity or charities.
C.	Please list the causes or organizations to which you have donated money/goods or at which you have volunteered.
d.	Did any of these organizations represent to you that they provided aid to people outside the United States?
What	are your hobbies or spare time activities?

18.				
	If you or any members of your family have ever had any signs, posters, flags, or other displays visible or posted on your property, please describe the language and symbols that were shown on the signs, posters, flags, or other display.			
MILIT	ARY BACKGROUND			
19.	Have your, your spouse, parents, or children ever served in the military? Yes No Branch and highest rank:			
20.	Is any member of your family serving in the military at the present time? Yes No If Yes, please explain who (relation to you), where, and duty:			
21.	Have you, any children or relatives, or anyone close to you, served in the recent war in Iraq, in Desert Storm or in military operations in Afghanistan and other areas of the Middle East?			
	Iraq: Yes No Branch and highest rank:			
	Desert Storm: Yes No Branch and highest rank:			
	Afghanistan: Yes No Branch and highest rank:			
	Other areas of the Middle East:			
	Yes No Location:			
	If Yes, where is, or was that person stationed?			
22.	Were any such persons ever in a combat situation?			

	a.	Has anyone in your family been injured or killed while serving in a combat or military zone? Yes No If Yes please explain who (relation to you), where, when and circumstances of injury or death:
23.	gove	e you, or anyone in your family, worked or volunteered in a civilian or nonmilitary ernment capacity anywhere in the Middle East? Yes No es, please explain who (relation to you), where, when and circumstances:
24.	whe	you, or anyone in your family, have plans or orders to go to the Middle East, ther as a member of the military or as a civilian? Yes No es, please explain who (relation to you), where, when and for what purpose(s):
RAC	E AND	RELIGION
25.	Wha	at is your racial/ethnic background?
26.	neig If the	en you were growing up, what was the racial and ethnic makeup of your hborhood?  ere were people of other races in your neighborhood, did you associate or play them? Did you do so at their houses? Did you have them over to your house?
27.	a.	Were either of your parents born outside of the United States? Yes No
		If yes, please tell us who, where were they born and what year did they come to the United States?
	b.	Were you, your spouse, your former spouse, or partner born outside of the United States? Yes No If yes, please tell us who, where were they born and what year did they come to the United States?
28.		e you or any member of your family ever dated someone from a different race? es, when?

Have you ever contributed any money to any minority-oriented charity such as the Urban League, United Negro College Fund, American Indian College Fund, etc.
There are many times when a situation may arise where you may feel fear of another person, perhaps based on their actions, or because of the way that they look. While it is hard to admit to it, it is something that happens to a lot of people. Has there ever been a situation when you have experienced fear of a person because of their race or where they might be from?YesNo. If yes, please explain the situation.
Have you heard the phrase "racial profiling?" If yes, what does that phrase mean to you? How do you feel about it?
Do you believe it is more difficult to identify a person from a racial group that is different than yours?
Are you a member of any group or organization that limits is membership based on race, ethnic origin, or gender?
Have you ever been present when another person made a statement or remark that you believe was anti-Muslim or anti-Arab, expressed religious or ethnic insensitivity, or was disparaging of <b>any</b> particular religion or race? Yes No If yes, how did you respond?
Did you remain silent or did you confront the person who made the remark?
Have you, or has anyone close to you, been discriminated against in any way?  Yes, self  Yes, someone close  No  If yes, please describe:
Have you had any training or taken any courses or seminars in: (check all that apply)
Criminal law Middle Eastern Studies
Criminology Religion
Terrorism Islamic Law

	other languages:
	en you hear the words "Persian," "Muslim," or "Arab," what is the first thought comes to your mind?
a.	What is an Arab?
b.	What is a Persian?
Wha	at is your view of the Muslim or Islamic faith?
a.	How did you come to that view?
	nere anything about Islamic teachings or doctrine that is personally offensive to ? Yes No
In w	?Yes No If Yes, please explain
In w	?Yes No If Yes, please explain
In w	?Yes No If Yes, please explain

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	the last time you were in neighbor's house for a social event? When is the last time a Muslim or person of Persian or Arab descent was at your house for a social event?
42.	Have you had any experience(s) with Muslims, Persians or Arabs that prejudices you against them? Yes No If Yes, please describe your experience(s) and the feelings you have.
43.	Have you had any particularly pleasant experiences with Muslims, Persians, or Arabs, or associated organizations?  Yes No I am not sure
	If "Yes" or "I am not sure," please explain:
44.	Do you believe that Muslims, Persians, or Arabs advocate or express violence more than individuals from other religious or ethnic groups?  Yes No If Yes, what gives you that impression?
45.	Do you have any experiences, feelings or impressions about Arabs, Persians, or Muslims that would make it difficult for you to listen to the evidence with an open mind and render a verdict based solely on the evidence presented in court when the case involves Arab, Persian, or Muslim men charged with various acts of terrorism?  Yes No If Yes, please explain:
MED	IA
46.	What are your primary sources of local and national news?

	No
If Ye	s, list the names of the newspaper, magazine, newsletter or web entities you
	and indicate how often you read each news source.
	e of Media:
	Once a week
	2-3 times a week
	More than 4 times a week
	Daily Sunday Only
Do y	ou watch any television newscasts on a regular basis?
Yes	No
a.	If Yes, which ones?
b.	Do you consider the television newscasts you watch to be:
	always biased
	sometimes biased
	not at all bigged
	not at all biased
	se explain the kind of bias you find and any concerns you have about those
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How ofter	Yes, I have a computer at home Yes, I have daily access outside my home Yes, both No
How ofter	Yes, both
How ofter	<del> · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·</del>
How ofter	NO
How ofter	
	n do you log onto the internet?
	Several times a day
	At least once a day
	At least two or three days a week
	Once a week or less
How muc	h time do you spend on the internet daily?
	More than five hours a day
	Three to five hours a day
	One to three hours a day
	Less than one hour per day
	Do not spend time on the internet daily
	the following activities do you spend the <i>most</i> internet time on?  heck all that apply:
	heck all that apply: E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging
	heck all that apply: E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)
	heck all that apply: E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles) Shopping/Auctioning
	heck all that apply: E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles) Shopping/Auctioning Stock trading
	heck all that apply: E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles) Shopping/Auctioning Stock trading Banking/Paying bills
	heck all that apply:  _ E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging  _ Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)  _ Shopping/Auctioning  _ Stock trading  _ Banking/Paying bills  _ Research/Information gathering
	heck all that apply:  E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging  Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)  Shopping/Auctioning  Stock trading  Banking/Paying bills  Research/Information gathering  Reading the news/Current events
	heck all that apply:  _ E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging  _ Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)  _ Shopping/Auctioning  _ Stock trading  _ Banking/Paying bills  _ Research/Information gathering  _ Reading the news/Current events  _ Fantasy sports
	heck all that apply:  _ E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging  _ Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)  _ Shopping/Auctioning  _ Stock trading  _ Banking/Paying bills  _ Research/Information gathering  _ Reading the news/Current events  _ Fantasy sports  _ Gambling
	heck all that apply:  _ E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging  _ Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)  _ Shopping/Auctioning  _ Stock trading  _ Banking/Paying bills  _ Research/Information gathering  _ Reading the news/Current events  _ Fantasy sports  _ Gambling  _ Downloading music
	heck all that apply:  _ E-mail/Chatting/Instant messaging  _ Entertainment (games, cards, puzzles)  _ Shopping/Auctioning  _ Stock trading  _ Banking/Paying bills  _ Research/Information gathering  _ Reading the news/Current events  _ Fantasy sports  _ Gambling

	mails from that listserv?
54.	If you are selected as a juror in this case, the government will present evidence, in the form of e-mails sent to a list-serve, photos, and videos which describe and depict fairly gruesome scenes, including dead bodies, and violent events. There is no question that viewing these images, and reading about the events is disturbing. Everyone who sits as a juror is entitled to the utmost respect. It is quite normal for different people to have life experience that would make it particularly difficult for them to review this type of evidence. This Court and the parties do not want to cause anyone any significant discomfort by having to view this type of evidence. Please reflect on this and decide, do you feel that you would be affected by this type of evidence? Yes No If yes, please state why
TAX	ES
55.	Have you or your relatives or close friends ever been audited by the Internal Revenue Service? Yes No If Yes, please explain:
56.	Have you or your relatives or close friends ever been assessed a penalty by the Internal Revenue Service? Yes No If Yes, please explain:
57.	Have you or your relatives or close friends ever been the subject of an Internal Revenue Service or other federal investigation? Yes No If Yes, please explain:
58.	Do you prepare your own tax returns? Yes No
59.	Have you ever hired an accountant or other professional to prepare your tax returns? Yes No
60.	Are you self-employed (either full-time or part-time) or run your own business? To those that answer affirmatively:

	a.	Do you keep your own books and records, or do you hire an accountant?		
	b.	Do you have any employees? Have you ever had any difficulty with payroll taxes, or with withholding and exemptions for those employees?  Yes No		
	C.	In general, have you had any difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service in your business? Yes No If Yes, please explain:		
61.		ou have any particular training in or knowledge of accounting methods and dures? Yes No If Yes, please explain:		
	a.	Have you worked for, applied to, or had training with any banking or financial institution? Yes No If Yes, please explain:		
WOF	RLD EV	ENTS		
62.	How	do you define terrorism?		
63.	How	do you define mujahideen?		
64.		you believe all mujahideen are terrorists?If so,		
65.	of ter	you followed any criminal cases involving allegations of terrorism or support rorism?Yes No If Yes, please list the cases and what was or is erest to you about these cases.		

66.	Have you or any family members or close friends had any personal experience with acts of terrorism? If Yes, please explain who (relation to you) and circumstances:			
CASE	KNOWLEDGE			
67.	Do you know anything about the conflict between Russia and the Chechen people? Yes No If yes, what?			
	a. Would it be difficult for you, as a juror, to listen with an open mind and render a fair and impartial verdict in a case where there will be evidence concerning the Chechen - Russian conflict?YesNo If Yes, please explain:			
68.	What have you seen, read or heard about the people and organizations involved in this case?			
	a. Pete Seda (Pirouz Sedaghaty):			
	o. Solomon Al Buthe:			
	c. Al Haramain:			
69.	The U.S. Government is represented in this case by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Gorder and Christopher Cardani. Do you or anyone close to you know or have any connection with either Mr. Gorder or Mr. Cardani?  Yes No			

Do you or anyone close to you know or have any connection with any of the persons below who will be seated at the counsel table for the U.S. Government? (Please check name and indicate the connection in the space below)				
IRS Agent Colleen Anderson FBI Agent David Carroll				
defense counsel? ( below)	close to you know or have any connection with any of the Please check name and indicate the connection in the space lic Defender Steven T. Wax latasar			
The judge who will preside over this case is The Honorable Michael Hogan of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. Do you or anyone close you know or have any connection with Judge Hogan or any of his staff?  Yes No				
Have you ever serv	Have you ever served as a juror? YesNo If Yes, please check, as appropriate:			
Civil Nature of case(s):	Date(s):			
Criminal Nature of case(s):	Date(s):			
Grand Jury Nature of case(s):	Date(s):			
	nything about your jury experience that would make it difficult to Yes No If Yes, please explain:			
Have you ever bee	n employed, appointed, or elected by a court or government ase explain?			

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	all that apply)
	<ul> <li>a. Any law enforcement, security or investigative agency, including but not limited to the FBI, CIA, INS, NSA, DOD, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice?</li> <li>b. A prison, jail, detention center or probation services?</li> <li>c. Any city or town attorney, Attorney General, state or federal prosecutor, or court?</li> <li>d. Any law firm that practices criminal defense?</li> <li>e. Any accounting, banking, financial institutions?</li> <li>f. Any newspaper, radio, television, or other media outlet?</li> </ul>
	es" to any of the above, please state who (relation to you), where, when and mstances.
76.	Are you a vendor or contractor for the United States Government or do work with one? Yes No
77.	Have you or anyone close to you ever worked in an effort to change a law or the enforcement of a law?  Yes No If Yes, please briefly describe that effort and your level of participation:
78.	Are you or any members of your family or close friends currently, or were formerly, employed by any law enforcement agency or correctional facility? If yes, please explain.
79.	Have you ever provided any information to the police about any criminal offense? If yes, please explain.
	If yes, please say whether you did so anonymously.
80.	Do you belong to any neighborhood watch associations? If yes, please explain what you do.
81.	Do you have any home security system, security bars, guard dog(s), alarms, or weapons for self-protection?

82.	please explain.		
83.			
84. Do you read about, watch, or listen to electronic information about crim issues, including T.V. shows?			
85.	report	Have you or anyone close to you ever been the victim of a crime of violence reported or not? YesNo	
	<u></u> а.	Was there an arrest?Yes No	
	b.	What was the outcome?	
	C.	What feelings did you carry away from the experience?	
86.	Have you or anyone close to you ever been accused, arrested, charged convicted of a crime, other than a traffic ticket? Yes No If Yes, pleas state who (relation to you), when and what happened.		
87.		Have you or anyone close to you ever been falsely accused of a crime? Yes No If yes, please explain:	
88.	How	do you feel about the criminal justice system?	
89.		d you always believe a law enforcement officer over other witnesses? Yes No Why or why not?	

	f a person does not tell his side of the story, do you feel he is more likely guilty?  Yes No Why or why not?
\	What does the presumption of innocence mean to you?
	Oo you think that people should be found guilty based on criminal association? f yes, why? If no, why not?
i	The United States has the burden of proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt. This burden never shifts to the defendant. He is presumed innocent and cannot be convicted unless the jury, unanimously and based solely on the evidence presented in court, decides their guilt has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Would you have any difficulty following this rule, where the allegations against the defendant include support of terrorism? Yes No
r r	At the conclusion of this case it is the Court's task and duty to charge you on the law and explain to you the elements of the crimes charged. Do you have any personal, religious, philosophical or other beliefs as to what the law is or should be that would make it difficult for you to follow the instructions of the Court? Yes No
6	a. If the law did not comport with your religious beliefs, could you set aside your religious beliefs and follow the law? Yes No
ł	s there anything about the nature of the charges in this case that would affect your ability to fairly evaluate the evidence to determine whether or not the prosecution has proven the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt? Yes No If Yes, please explain:

98.	Is there any matter not covered by this questionnaire that you think is important to					
	bring to the attention of the Court?Yes No					
	If Yes, please explain:					

### **JUROR'S OATH**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information, which I have provided in this questionnaire and any attachments, is true and correct. I further declare that my answers are my own, and I have completed this questionnaire without anyone's assistance.		
Juror Number	Date	
Juror Number	-	
Use this space below to complete any a	answers, preceded by the number of the	

question.